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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VAN HOLLEN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 19, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, we ask that You would equip the Members of this body and all who serve here with the wisdom, strength, and perseverance needed to overcome any obstacles we will face in serving this Nation and its citizens. Bless our Representatives with opportunities to advance democracy, justice, and economic parity. Bless their staff members as they labor to support the honorable men and women they serve. For military men and women deployed in harm's way and their families, we pray Your providential protection, comfort, and peace. O Lord, our precious savior and eternal king, equip leaders across this great land with the wisdom and endurance to meet the challenges ahead.

In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Friday, February 15, 2008:

H.R. 5270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HOYER, on Friday, February 15:

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 293, 110th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Thursday, February 21, 2008, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5417. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Update of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fees Schedule for Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands [RM08-6-000] received January 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5418. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2008 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications; Preliminary 2008 Quota Adjustments; 2008 Summer Flounder Quota for Delaware [Docket No. 071030625-7696-02] (RIN: 0648-XC84) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5419. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Vermillion Snapper Fishery Management Measures [Docket No. 070518142-7238-02] (RIN: 0648-AV45) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5420. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocation [Docket No. 060824226-6322-02] (RIN: 0648-XE38) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5421. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chiniak Gully Research Area for Vessels Using Trawl Gear [Docket

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No. 070213032-7032-01] (RIN: 0648-XE81) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5422. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Modification of the Yellowtail Flounder Landing Limit for the U.S./Canada Management Area [Docket No. 070227048-7091-02] (RIN: 0648-XE82) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5423. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's feasibility report and environmental assessment of the Swope Park Industrial Area, Blue River Basin, Kansas City, Missouri; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5424. A letter from the Paralegal, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Transit Database: Amendment to Reporting Requirements and Non-Substantive Technical Changes [Docket No: FTA-2007-27319] (RIN: 2132-AA94) received January 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5425. A letter from the Paralegal, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — CHARTER SERVICE [Docket No. FTA-2005-22657] (RIN: 2132-AA85) received January 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5426. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel (Administration & Management), National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Patents and Other Intellectual Property Rights [NOTICE: (07-083)] (RIN: 2700-AD35) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science and Technology.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MITCHELL:

H.R. 5474. A bill to prevent payments of educational assistance for veterans and members of the Selected Reserve from being offset in the calculation of financial aid under the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. MOORE of Kansas (for himself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GORDON, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Mr. HILL, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KIND, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MATHEWSON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. POE, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico):

H.R. 5475. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make a technical correction to ensure sex offenders who travel between States, regardless of when they traveled, must register with appropriate state and local authorities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself and Mr. TIBERI):

H. Res. 993. A resolution expressing support for the second annual America Saves Week 2008 from February 24, 2008 through March 2, 2008; to the Committee on Financial Services.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

235. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 11 urging the Congress of the United States to take action to honor the sovereignty of the individual states to regulate and command the National Guard of the states; to the Committee on Armed Services.

236. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 116 urging the Congress of the United States and the President of the

United States to reverse the decision to close Fort Monmouth; to the Committee on Armed Services.

237. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 21 opposing the designation of any area in the state as a world heritage site, biosphere reserve, or any other type of international designation without the consent of the Alaska State Legislature and affected local governments; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

238. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 urging the Congress of the United States to defeat H.R. 39 titled, "To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 219: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 241: Mr. CARTER and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 1707: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 1767: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 1897: Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 2421: Mr. GILCHREST.

H.R. 3650: Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Ms. GIFFORDS.

H.R. 3726: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H.R. 3800: Mr. HOBSON and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 5087: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

H.R. 5237: Mrs. EMERSON.

H. Con. Res. 239: Mr. GINGREY.

H. Res. 888: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. MICA, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina.

H. Res. 952: Mr. GERLACH, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

H. Res. 957: Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. BIGGERT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. POMEROY.